



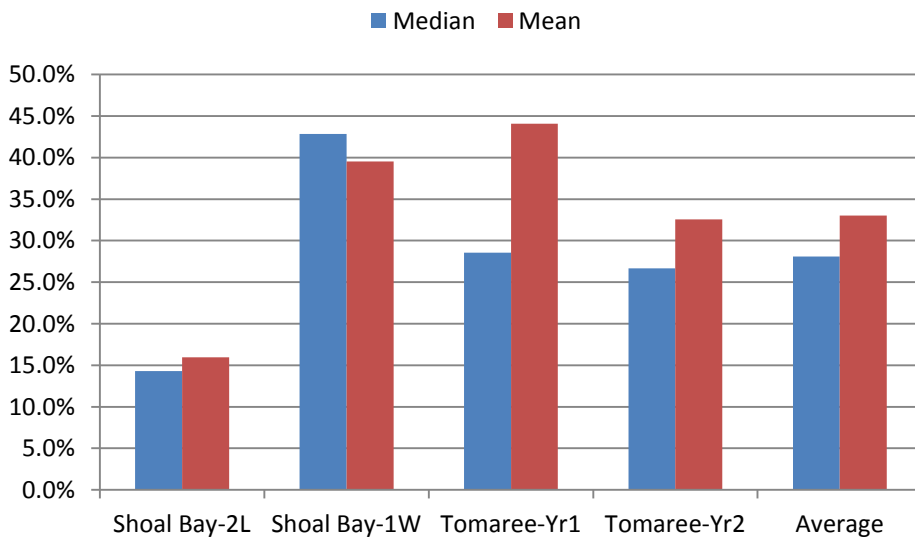
## Update on Rotary Reading Programme

Helen Ryan launched this literacy in 2003/04 at Shoal Bay when she was President of our club. It was extended to other schools: Tomaree (2006) and Anna Bay (2010). It is for children aged 7/8; “start early.. Literacy is power”.

“Helen said that some children prior to starting school had not been exposed to books”. And, one of her biggest thrills was being stopped in the street by a young man who thanked her for her help.

All of the schools routinely benchmark children at the beginning of term and again at the end of term. The chart below shows improvements of 15 to 40% in reading ability.

Call Helen, if you would like to help in this mutually rewarding programme.



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### Birthdays

31/3 Jim Booth  
2/4 Ian Brigden

**Heads/Tails:** Bart R  
**Raffle :**Henk Tobbe

### Next Week:

Jeannie Lawson &  
Brian Hodges

### Door:

Bart R & Bob Mitchell

### Greeters:

Arja L. & Tim Ireland

**Loyal Toast:** John Shaw

**Grace:** Don Watham

**Introduce Speaker:**

John Cropley

**Thank Speaker:**

Ian Falkner

**Photos:** Henk T

**Bulletin:** Dieter G.



## Next Week: Jeannie Lawson

"The Wonderful World around Port Stephens"

Some of her achievements, all running many years after their establishment, are:

- ✓ 1983 Whale and dolphin rescue and research with ORRCA and promotion of whale-watching along coastal NSW
- ✓ 1989 established own eco-tour and enviro-education business – Harmony Visions [www.harmonyvisions.net.au](http://www.harmonyvisions.net.au)
- ✓ 1989 co-organiser of the blueprint for the now national 'Clean-up Australia Day' campaign
- ✓ 1999 Founder of marine conservation group, Ocean & Coastal Care Initiatives (OCCI) <http://www.occicom.au/>
- ✓ 2000 Established headland whale-watching for the community via Gosford, Wyong and Port Stephens councils
- ✓ 2001 facilitator for community marine education courses (now known as Coastal Habitat Awareness Program)
- ✓ 2005 co-founder of Whale Dreamers Festival (Central Coast)
- ✓ 2011 recipient of state and national 'Pride of Australia Medals' for her work in the environment and community



### **Adopt-A-Road:**

Mike Mobbs is shown above with our new pick-up wand (the existing one is 9 years old). Council has proposed two new safety measures which were being negotiated to ensure they do not impact our time.

## **ADOPT-A-ROAD TEAM FOR SUNDAY 3rd APRIL 2016**



**Doug Bairstow**  
**Chris Bartlett**  
**Geoff Diemar**  
**Chris Coy**

**Ros Cribb**  
**Doug Craike**  
**Mike Mobbs (Coordinator)**  
**Warwick Mathieson (Transport)**

## President's report:

President Ann said that last week's Bulletin covered the last Board Meeting very well (thanks, Don).

We are just 2 weeks away from hearing about grants for the exercise trail. Bob Baldwin MP has already said that we shall not get the \$20,000 we requested for Stage II as there is only \$150,000 available for all demands (we have had our share).

The sausages we made for the District 9675 lunch netted us \$2,250. The Bunnings BBQ on Saturday (26/3) netted \$900 (despite free hot cross buns inside Bunnings). Our next Bunnings BBQ is Sunday April 24, ANZAC long weekend.

We have a new logo (see first page of this Bulletin).

We are not giving money to the PCYC while it goes straight to Sydney's coffers. But, we have paid directly for new basketball shirts.

## Stop right there!

### Are you doing each of the following as a good Rotarian?

**First** – it is your duty to let Ros Cribb know if you are not attending. This week, 9 absences were not advised. This could cost the club (or you in future!)



**Second** – read the Bulletin! 6 of our number go to a lot of trouble to make sure you are alerted to your duties and events. You could be tested!

	Speaker	Topic
7 April	Andrew Trout	
14 April	Club Meeting	
30/4-1/5	PETS at Singleton (Presidents Elect Training Seminar)	